

## ■ Be prepared!

On page 4 read about how you can be prepared for Hurricane Season this year.

## ■ Stormwater Awareness

Keep Richmond Hill's rivers clean!

### Mayor's Musings

#### Back to School Safely

Mayor Russ Carpenter



I can imagine no better town in which to grow up, and our town has thousands of children of all ages. Maintaining the safety of our children, and all of our residents, is a priority of our city government. Many children are returning to school this month-making it more critical than ever for drivers to be aware of school zones as traffic increases. We all want safer roads, especially for our children while they travel to and from school every day. Unfortunately in the city's school zones, speeding is an issue, creating an increased hazard for our little ones. We are asking residents to slow down and protect the MVP's of our city.

In 2019, the Richmond Hill Police Department conducted a speed study during school hours over a five-day period. This study revealed that of the 19,059 vehicles that traveled through the school zones, 4,303 were speeding at 11mph or more above the posted speed limit. Nearly 23% of the vehicles that traveled through Richmond Hill's school zones during school hours on Ford Avenue and Harris Trail road were speeding.

The City of Richmond Hill will be implementing a new traffic safety program to reduce this excessive speeding in the school zone located on Harris Trail Road. Of course, there will be a 30 day grace period once the automated traffic enforcement safety device (a roadside camera) is operational. After that warning period has concluded, the owners of vehicles traveling at excessive or dangerous speeds while children are present may receive a citation. This program exists with the goal of reducing speeding through our school zones and making the roads safer. Together, by practicing safe driving habits, we can make our roads safer, and continue to provide the best place in the world that we can call home.

*Russ Carpenter*



AUTOMATED SPEED  
ENFORCEMENT

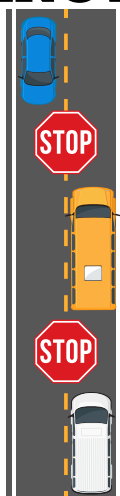
# COMING SOON

**RICHMOND HILL POLICE**  
GEORGIA

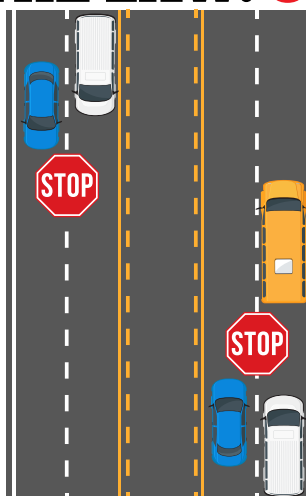
Construction has started in the RHHS School Zone on Harris Trail Road to ensure safer roadways for everyone. Pre-study data has shown that **25%** of the cars that travel through this School Zone are speeding 11mph or more over the posted speed limit.

## School Bus Safety

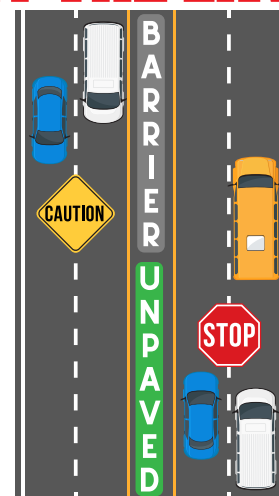
### KNOW THE LAW. **OBEY THE LAW.**



**TWO LANE**  
Vehicles traveling  
in both directions  
**MUST STOP.**



**MULTI-LANE**  
Vehicles traveling in both  
directions **MUST STOP.**



**DIVIDED HIGHWAY**  
(with dirt, grass, or barrier median)  
Vehicles behind **MUST STOP.**  
Vehicles traveling in opposite  
direction must use caution.

# STORMWATER AWARENESS



## Stormwater Awareness

What is Illicit Discharge? Anything that enters a storm drain or directly into a river that is NOT uncontaminated storm water is an illicit discharge (or non-permitted discharge) and is against the law. Non-permitted discharges contribute high levels of pollutants including but not limited to: heavy metals, toxics, oil and grease, solvents, nutrients, and bacteria to streams, lakes, and rivers.

### How can you prevent illicit stormwater discharge?

There are simple steps we can take to solve the problems our local waterways face. It's up to YOU, the homeowner and business owners who call Richmond Hill home, to clean it up and to help keep it clean!

## STORMWATER AWARENESS:

1. Used oil, antifreeze, and batteries can be recycled. Clean up any spills immediately – kitty litter or sawdust will absorb the spill. Be sure to sweep these up as well.
2. Wash your car with biodegradable products on the lawn so that water, detergent, and dirt will be filtered by the soil. Better yet, take your car to a commercial car wash, where the wash water is sent to the wastewater treatment plant.
3. When walking your pet use a bag or scooper to clean up your pet's waste. In order to keep animal waste from contaminating our community, anyone who walks a pet should properly dispose of waste by picking it up, wrapping it, and either placing it into the trash or flushing it UNWRAPPED!
4. Grass clippings in the street should be swept up after each mowing. Grass clippings left in the street are being washed down into the storm sewers and end up in the local waterways where they have the potential to cause algae blooms.
5. Empty bottles of household cleaners, pesticides, and weed killer should be disposed of according to label directions.

### How to Report a Stormwater Pollution Issue:

If you observe someone illegally dumping into a storm drain or ditch, or have other stormwater-related concerns, please contact Richmond Hill City Hall at 912-756-3345 or use SeeClickFix



## Employee Spotlight



Christy Bacon  
Streets Technician



**Tell us about what you do:** I am a Streets Technician which means I help to ensure the roads and rights of way are clean and beautiful! You can usually find me driving the boom truck for dry trash pick-up days or running a lawn crew.

**What do you like about your job?** It's been a pleasure working for the Street Dept and learning something new every day. There are good and bad days like any job yet I must admit I have had way more good days on the job than bad. I enjoy working for Mr. Julius and the guys and am proud to be a part of good grounded team.

**What do you like to do in your free time?** I like to spend time with family and watch sports!



## Employee Spotlight: Zoning Administrator Amanda Styer

My husband and I moved to Richmond Hill from Jacksonville, Florida in 1998. My husband remains a HUGE Jacksonville Jaguars fan and he's feeling very optimistic now that we picked up Trevor Lawrence as QB! #DUUUUVAL

I have worked for the City of Richmond Hill for 15 years this month! I started as the P&Z front desk Zoning Clerk and I was promoted to Zoning Administrator a little over 4 years ago. I really enjoy getting to know new business owners and residents. I issue sign permits and food truck permits, verify zoning, help applicants through the process for different zoning requests- such as variances, rezonings, site plan and building elevations review, etc. I assist the Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board, and Historic Preservation Commission by setting their agendas, typing minutes, and advertising their meetings.

My proudest (and most rewarding) work for the City has been in spearheading Richmond Hill's efforts in historic preservation over the past 3 years, which led to the adoption of the Ford Avenue Historic District earlier this year. My interest in Richmond Hill's unique history was sparked by my colleague and great friend, Christy Sherman, our CVB Executive Director. I currently serve as the Vice-President of the RH Historical Society Board.

You've probably seen me at the annual Chili Cook-Off. I am the "Chili-Chief" for our annual Chili Cook-Off and have assisted with the event every year for the last 15 years.

I've been married to my husband Mike for 22 years. We opened, Tech Smart, a local computer repair shop, 7 years ago. I have a step-son, two daughters, and a fur baby named Bella, a Maltese that we rescued 8 years ago - #AdoptDontShop! Our son, Mikey, lives on Wilmington Island and works for Paula Deen as her grounds keeper. Our oldest daughter, Cameron, is a local realtor, who is recently engaged to be married in March 2022. Our youngest daughter, Sammy, is a 2021 RHHS graduate and she has been accepted to Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, where she will pursue her nursing degree. Our family attends Coastal Community Christian Church, which is located in the old Ford Commissary Building, beside the Ford Bakery that the City restored.

# Welcome to Richmond Hill's New Businesses!

- Tosa Coffee Company
- Prissy Chrissy LLC
- The Happy Roost
- Raydient Places
- What's for Dinner?
- One Kall That's All
- Genesis 1:3 LLC
- Ozzy's Market
- Moss Enterprises
- Interior Solutionz, Inc.
- Something to Toca Bout
- Liberty Shipping Solutions
- Craft Empire by Tiara Jones
- Mateen Raheen Consulting Services LLC
- Matt Hodges Insurance Agency Inc
- The Pinks Home Cleaning Service LLC

WELCOME





Don't be left out!

JOIN NOW!



Disasters Happen

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CodeRED  
ADVANCED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

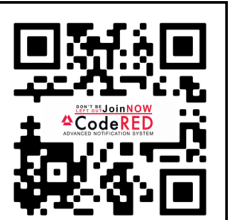


## RICHMOND HILL: STAY INFORMED WITH CODERED!

Bryan County Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the City of Richmond Hill and City of Pembroke, has launched the CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

CodeRED is used to send EMERGENCY notifications. Citizens will be informed of emergencies such as an evacuation notices, utility outages, water main breaks, fire or floods, chemical spills, or other emergency situations via phone, email, text, and social media.

CodeRED may also be activated to send GENERAL notifications to registered subscribers to communicate non-life safety matters, such as planned road closures, water main repairs, water and power service interruptions, etc. Sign up now!



Call 912-858-2799 or go to [bryancountyga.org/i-want-to/code-red](http://bryancountyga.org/i-want-to/code-red) to register for CodeRED today!

## STAY SAFE WHEN SEVERE WEATHER STRIKES

### WEATHER THE STORM SAFELY

Unplug appliances and electronics in advance of storms to protect them from power surges.



Do not operate generators or other outdoor appliances inside or near your home.

Use battery-powered lanterns and flashlights instead of candles, which can start a fire.



Keep utility company phone numbers handy to alert them to downed power lines



- There are over 700,000 lightning strikes each year in Georgia.
- Per the US National Lightning Detection Network, the state of Georgia is in the top ten for most lightning strikes in the US.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

- When thunder roars, go indoors!
- Stay away from windows
- Don't use electronics that are plugged in
- Bring pets inside
- Avoid washing dishes or taking showers
- Wait 30 minutes after last strike to go back outside